

Animal Shelter's "Free Love Weekend" Leads to the Adoption of 21 Animals

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Two-day event encouraged adoptions of shelter animals for Valentines Day Over 40 Dogs and Cats Microchipped

Farmingville, NY - Supervisor Mark Lesko and Councilwoman Jane Bonner have announced that 11 dogs and 10 cats were adopted during the Animal Shelter's "Free Love Weekend," which was held February 11 and 12. During the weekend, adoption fees were waived and free pet food and microchipping were offered to Brookhaven residents.

"It's great that the Animal Shelter had another successful 'Free Love Weekend' this year," said Supervisor Lesko, "I thank Dori Scofield for her passion and dedication, as well as the staff and volunteers, for working so hard to make sure so many pets find loving homes."

Councilwoman Bonner said, "I'm extremely proud that we were able to find homes for 21 animals. The Animal Shelter continues to do fantastic work, not only with 'Free Love Weekend' but with everything that they do on a daily basis, whether it is finding loving homes for cats and dogs or making sure that those without homes are cared for."

"We had a fabulous weekend at the shelter and now 21 dogs and cats are companions to families that will love them forever," said Animal Shelter Director Dori Scofield. "In addition to the adoptions, we also were able to microchip over 40 dogs and cats for the residents of Brookhaven."

The Brookhaven Town Animal Shelter has been very progressive in launching programs to increase adoption rates and pet retention and get animals spayed and neutered, especially focusing on the large population of Pit Bulls and Pit Mixes at the Animal Shelter.

Last year, the Animal Shelter introduced "Spay it Forward", a program that offers incentives to get animals spayed and neutered. For every Pit Bull that a resident gets spayed or neutered, the owner will receive a voucher to help another needy Pit Bull to receive the same services. The Animal Shelter is also providing free micro-chipping, vaccines, heartworm testing, and collars for anyone who gets their Pit Bull spayed or neutered.

The Brookhaven Bully Alliance (BBA) encourages other animal rescues to adopt Pit Bulls from the Brookhaven animal shelter and find homes for them. Every shelter dog that enters the BBA program is professionally evaluated, spayed or neutered, vaccinated and micro-chipped. \$250 goes to each participating organization for the care of the animal.

An affiliate of the Town of Brookhaven Animal Shelter and Adoption Center is the Help the animals Fund. Their mission is to prevent cruelty to animals and to provide sick, neglected and injured stray animals at the Brookhaven Animal Shelter the much needed and deserved medical care that they would otherwise not receive. This fund is supported 100% by voluntary donations, which are tax deductible. The Help the Animals Fund makes programs like Spay it Forward and the Brookhaven Bully Alliance possible.

The Animal Shelter is open Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. It is located at 300 Horseblock Road in Brookhaven, NY 11719. For more information, call the Brookhaven Animal Shelter and Adoption Center at 631-286-4940 or visit www.brookhaven.org/animalshelter .

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